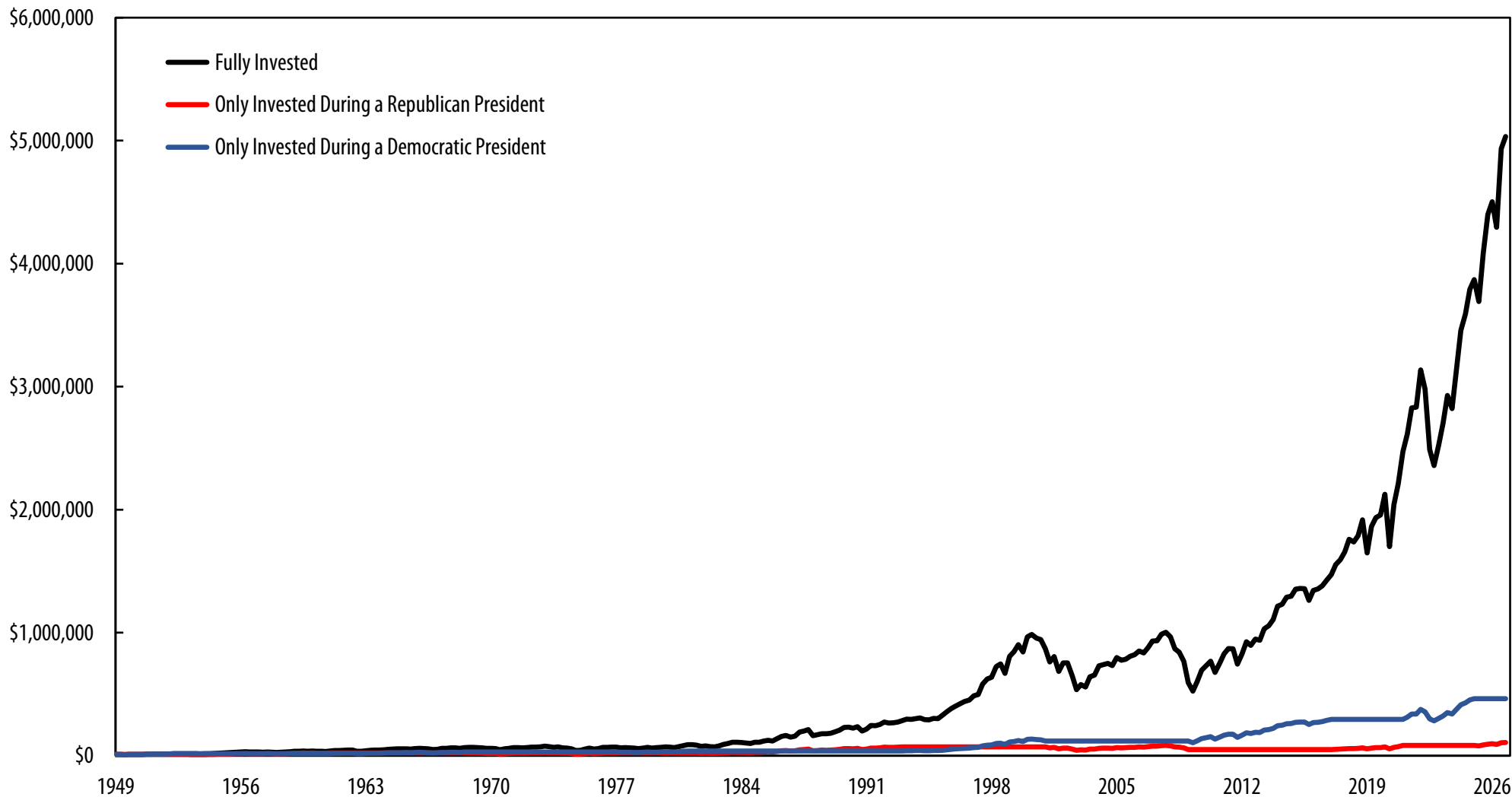


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Growth of \$10,000 in the S&P 500 Index Since 1949



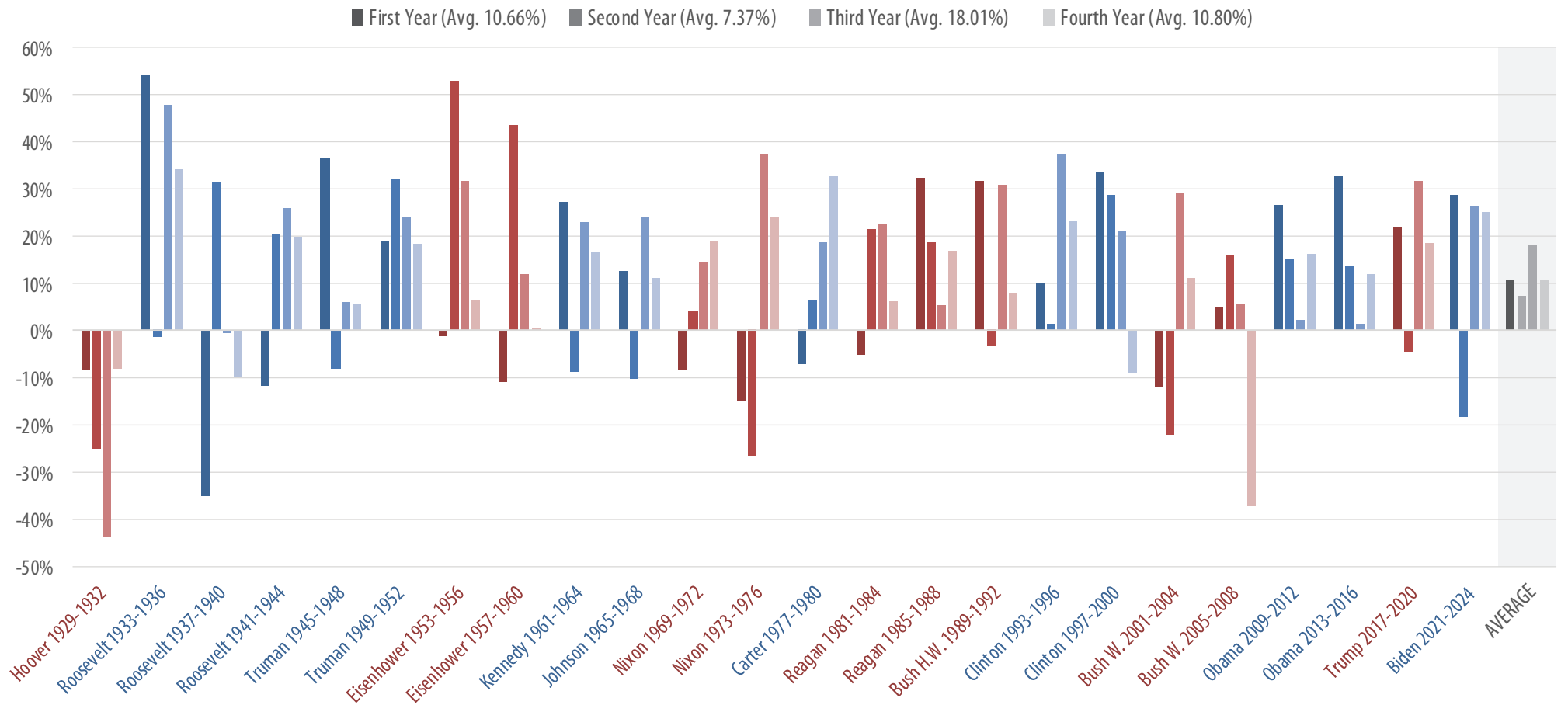
Source: First Trust, Standard & Poor's. Data is quarterly from 1949 – 9/30/2026.

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S&P 500 Index Performance: 4-Year Election Cycle

On and around election day there is often some anxiety about how a president’s 4-year term might impact the stock market. Below we look at S&P 500 Index performance by year of each election cycle. Over the past 96 years, the S&P 500 Index has seen positive performance 73% of the time, and has averaged a yearly total return of 9.85%. Seeing the big picture can help us to stay focused on our long-term investment goals.

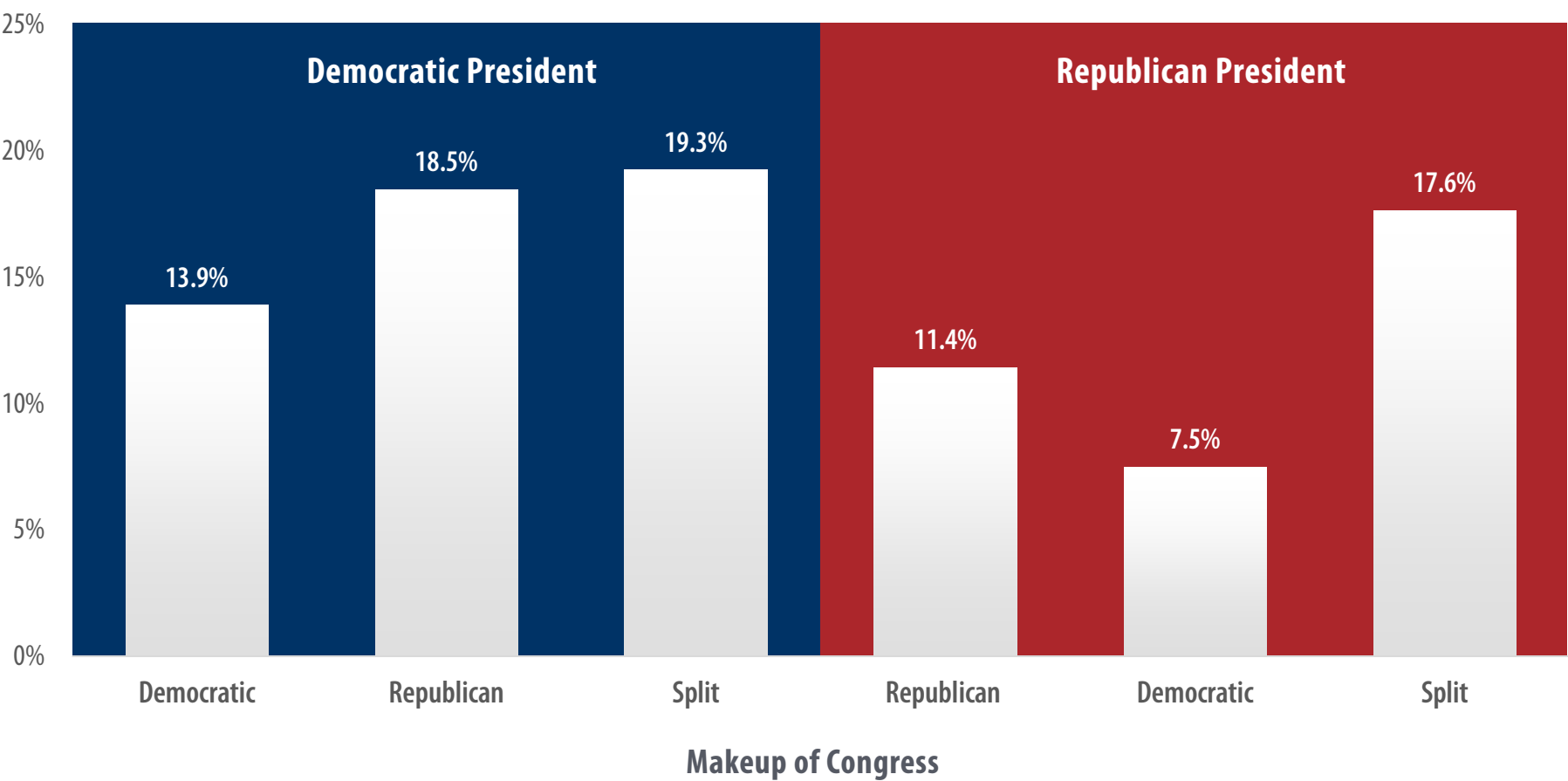


Observations

- 70 of the 96 years (73%) provided positive performance
- The average 4-year term cumulative return was 56.79%
- When a Republican was in office the average yearly total return was 7.84%
- When a Democrat was in office the average yearly total return was 14.98%

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Average S&P 500 Index Total Return Annual Performance 1949-2025



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S&P 500 Index Returns In U.S. Presidential Election Years

Since 1928



There are many factors that impact stock market returns, but one common concern of investors is how the stock market will be impacted by a change in America’s President. In past election years, the S&P 500 Index has seen more positive performance than negative. Below we take a look at S&P 500 Index performance during presidential election years, which have historically provided positive gains for stocks.

S&P 500 Index Total Returns During Presidential Election Years (1928-2024)

U.S. Presidential Election Results	Average Return
A Republican was elected	15.6%
A Democrat was elected	7.9%
All election years	11.6%

Observations

There have been 25 elections since the S&P 500 Index began. In these election years:

- 21 of the 25 years (84%) provided positive performance
- When a Republican was in office and a Republican was elected (or reelected), the total return for the year averaged 11.8%
- When a Republican was in office and a Democrat was elected, the total return for the year averaged -0.2%

Historical U.S. Presidential Election Year Results

Election Year	President Elected	S&P 500 Index Total Return
2024	Trump	25.0%
2020	Biden	18.4%
2016	Trump	12.0%
2012	Obama	16.0%
2008	Obama	-37.0%
2004	Bush W.	10.9%
2000	Bush W.	-9.1%
1996	Clinton	22.9%
1992	Clinton	7.6%
1988	Bush H.W.	16.6%
1984	Reagan	6.3%
1980	Reagan	32.5%
1976	Carter	23.9%
1972	Nixon	19.0%
1968	Nixon	11.0%
1964	Johnson	16.4%
1960	Kennedy	0.5%
1956	Eisenhower	6.5%
1952	Eisenhower	18.2%
1948	Truman	5.4%
1944	Roosevelt	19.5%
1940	Roosevelt	-9.6%
1936	Roosevelt	33.7%
1932	Roosevelt	-14.8%
1928	Hoover	37.9%

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Value vs. Growth: Performance Following Presidential Elections

Since 1980



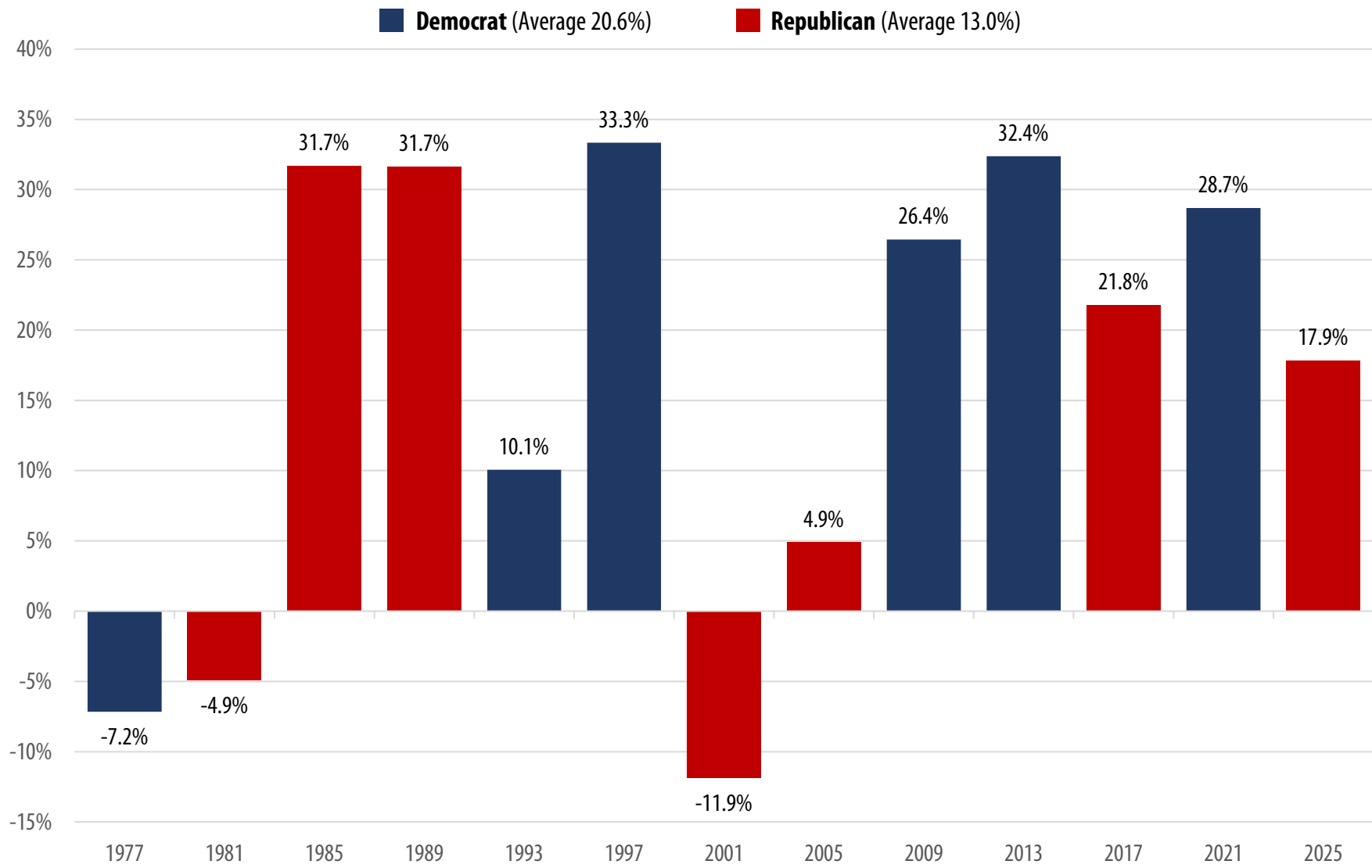
Value stocks have outperformed growth stocks for six months after every presidential election for the last 40 years. See below for the historical total returns of the Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index and the Russell 1000 Growth Total Return Index over the past 12 elections.

Months After Election Day	Value	Growth	Value Beat Growth By
1 Month	2.08%	1.12%	0.96%
2 Months	3.74%	2.33%	1.41%
3 Months	5.57%	3.73%	1.84%
4 Months	5.95%	1.94%	4.01%
5 Months	7.49%	1.98%	5.50%
6 Months	11.01%	6.03%	4.99%

Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. As of 9/30/2026. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** For illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000 Growth Total Return Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future.

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S&P 500 Index Total Returns: First Year Of A Four-Year Presidential Term



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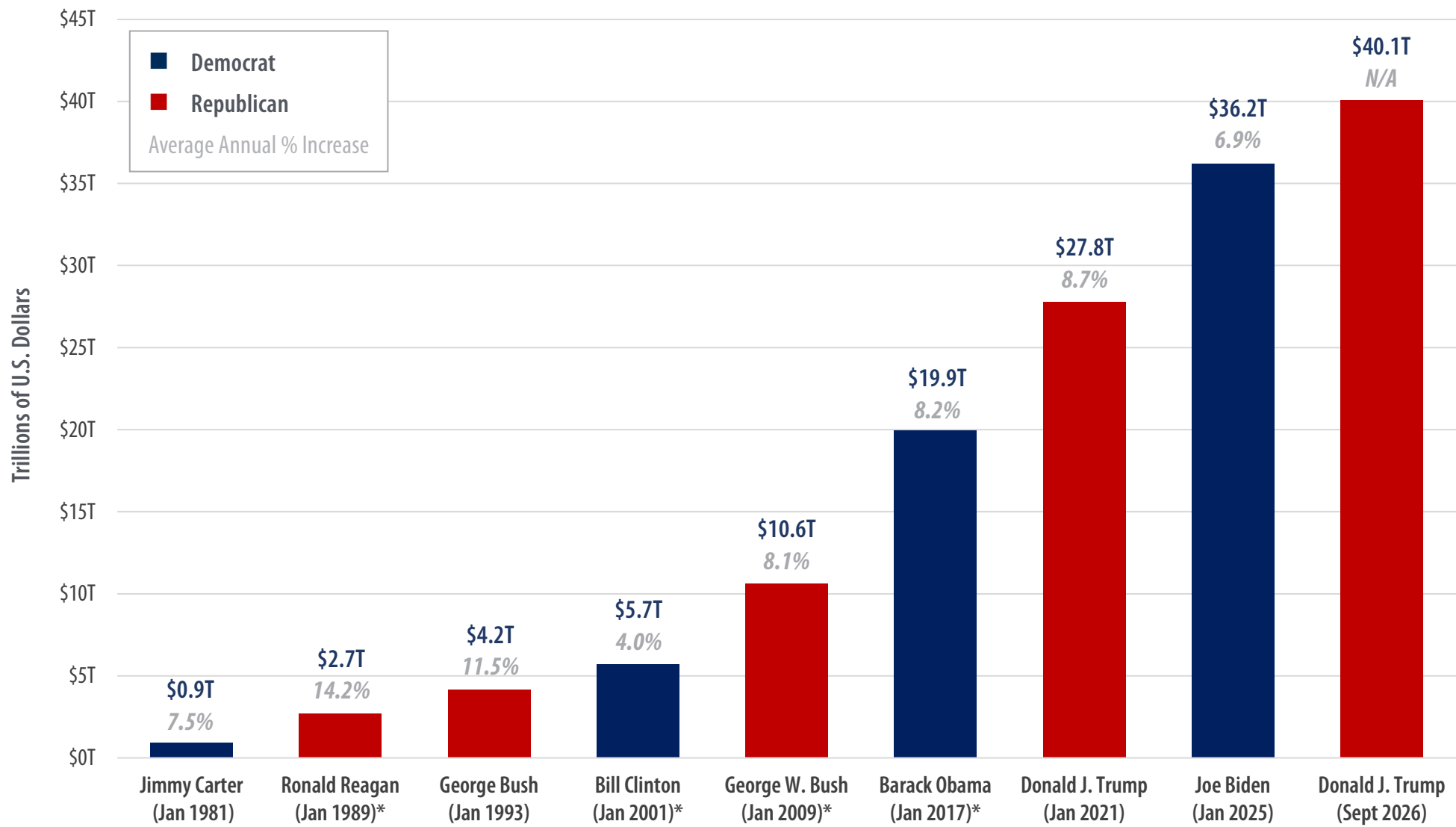
How Stocks Have Fared In The First Year Of A Four-Year Presidential Term

S&P 500 Index & Sector Index Total Returns

	1993	1997	2001	2005	2009	2013	2017	2021	2025
White House	Democrat	Democrat	Republican	Republican	Democrat	Democrat	Republican	Democrat	Republican
Senate	Democrat	Republican	Democrat	Republican	Democrat	Democrat	Republican	Democrat	Republican
House	Democrat	Republican	Republican	Republican	Democrat	Republican	Republican	Democrat	Republican
S&P 500 Index	10.07%	33.34%	-11.89%	4.91%	26.45%	32.37%	21.82%	28.68%	17.86%
Communications Services	14.34%	41.25%	-12.24%	-5.63%	8.93%	11.47%	-1.25%	21.57%	33.56%
Consumer Discretionary	14.64%	34.34%	2.78%	-6.36%	41.30%	43.08%	22.98%	24.43%	6.04%
Consumer Staples	-3.87%	32.87%	-6.42%	3.58%	14.89%	26.14%	13.49%	18.63%	3.90%
Energy	15.87%	25.21%	-10.45%	31.36%	13.78%	25.05%	-1.01%	54.39%	8.68%
Financials	10.59%	48.11%	-8.94%	6.47%	17.15%	35.59%	22.14%	34.87%	14.97%
Health Care	-8.19%	43.72%	-11.96%	6.46%	19.70%	41.46%	22.08%	26.13%	14.60%
Industrials	18.56%	26.97%	-5.74%	2.30%	20.93%	40.64%	21.01%	21.10%	19.27%
Information Technology	21.71%	28.56%	-25.87%	0.99%	61.72%	28.42%	38.83%	34.53%	24.04%
Materials	13.46%	8.41%	3.40%	4.39%	48.58%	25.60%	23.84%	27.28%	10.54%
Real Estate	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.36%	20.79%	-1.53%	10.85%	46.20%	3.15%
Utilities	13.64%	24.68%	-30.40%	16.83%	11.91%	13.21%	12.10%	17.67%	16.04%

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